

United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Coeur d'Alene Field Office  
3815 N Schreiber Way  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

## **DECISION RECORD**

Cougar Bay Visitor Parking Improvements  
DOI-BLM-ID-C010-2015-0016-CX

### **1. Background**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to widen an approximately 180-foot long section of road shoulder along MacAvoy Road, located in Cougar Bay near Coeur d'Alene, ID. Clean fill would be placed and compacted to create a flat parking surface on top with a 2:1 slope into the meadow. This would create additional parking for visitors to the BLM-administered John C. Pointner Memorial Wildlife Trail at Cougar Bay and improve safety by reducing congested roadside parking along a narrow shoulder with a steep embankment.

### **2. Decision**

It is my decision to approve the construction of the approximately 180-foot long section of road shoulder along MacAvoy Road as described above. Construction would take place in late October- early November, 2015.

### **3. Authority**

This is a general public land decision in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 as Amended, Section 301.

### **4. Rationale**

Creating well-designed parking spaces would improve safety by reducing congested roadside parking along a narrow shoulder with a steep embankment. The additional parking would allow more visitors and improve public access to the BLM-administered John C. Pointner Memorial Wildlife Trail at Cougar Bay.

This action is in conformance with the Coeur d'Alene Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved in 2007, and would not cause significant impacts to the environment as confirmed in the attached documentation of categorical exclusion.

## 5. Coordination and Consultation

BLM personnel have met onsite with representatives from The US Army Corps of Engineers, the Worley Highway District and the Idaho Department of Transportation. In addition, the BLM has consulted with the Nature Conservancy, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Idaho Department of Lands and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

## 6. Protest and Appeal

This decision constitutes my final decision. Any party that is adversely affected by it may appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. A notice of appeal must be filed in this office (Bureau of Land Management Coeur d'Alene Field Office- 3815 N Schreiber Way Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The Notice of Appeal must be sent certified mail. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error in a statement of reasons. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300-QC, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days of filing the notice of appeal with the authorized officer. Any request for stay of this decision, in accordance with 43 CFR 4.21, must be filed with your notice of appeal.

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9/29/15

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Kurt Pavlat  
Field Manager

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Date

Attachment: Categorical Exclusion Documentation